

Matrimonial.

SWARTZENDRUBER—FORNEY.—April 16, 1895, at Berlin, Pa., by the undersigned, pastor of the Brethren church, Mr. Albert Swartzendruber and sister Margaret Forney, both of Berlin, Pa.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

GOUGHNOUR—COBER.—April 18, 1895, at Beachdale, Pa., by the undersigned, pastor of the Brethren church of Berlin Pa., Frank B. Goughnour, of Johnstown, Pa., and sister Rebecca Cober, of Beachdale, Pa.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

Our Dead.

KERN.—In the Claypool church, Ind., April 19, 1895, little Ray Kern departed this life at nine o'clock. Son of William and sister Emma Kern, aged 4 years, 6 months. Little Ray leaves a loving papa and mamma and other near relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Little Ray was known far around him as a loving little boy. He always had a smile and loving words for everybody.

Dearest Ray, thou hast left us,
And thy loss we deeply feel;
It is the Lord that has bereft us,
Of the one we love so well.

RETHA LANDIS.

PARR.—April 15, 1895, Allie, wife of John M. Parr, aged 23 years and 8 days. She united with the Brethren church, Oct. 1890, of which she had been a faithful and devoted member ever since. She was united in marriage with John Parr, Sept. 30, 1894. She told her friends on her dying bed that she had been happier in her married life than ever before. She died in the triumphs of a living faith, beseeching her husband, brothers and sisters and friends, who stood around her beside to live nearer to God and meet her in heaven. She told him that she was going to that sweet little babe which had gone before, and he could come after awhile. She leaves a side companion, a loving father, three brothers and three sisters, also a host of friends to mourn their loss. Rev. H. Rohne of Willshire, Ohio, a Methodist minister, preached the funeral at the Bethel church from II Cor. 5:1. Allie was one of Brother Swihart's converts at the Bethel church and was the first member to die in that church since its organization.

Berne, Ind.

JOHN C. FRANK.

THOSE who love and honor God will go to his house at appointed times.

STOUFFER.—April 11, 1895, Mapleville, Md., sister Amy Stouffer, aged 30 years and 4 months. She was the daughter of Brother and Sister Doyle, and wife of Mr. Milton Stouffer. She leaves a little son of about seven years, a husband, father, mother, three brothers and one sister, with many relatives to mourn their loss. She had been sick for a long time with consumption which ended her suffering in death. She was an excellent child of God, entered the church of the Brethren some years ago. She was fully aware of her condition, and was prepared for the change. She called for the elders to be anointed, and selected the place to be buried. She chose the 23rd verse of the 102 Psalm for her funeral text. "He weakened my strength in the way, he shortened my days." Her funeral was largely attended at Fahrney's meeting-house by a sympathizing congregation and mourning relatives. Funeral discourse by elder Joshua Long, assisted by the writer.

ANDREW COST.

PRY.—Mary C. Pry was borne Sept. 27, 1843 in Juniatta Co., Pa. When three years of age she moved with her parents near Troy, Ohio. She was married to A. J. Cruinkshauk August 16, 1862. To them were born four children, three having preceded her to the Spirit world. She united with the Campbellite church in Ada, Ohio, in 1878, of which she was a faithful member until death called for her. She died at the home of her daughter at Greenville, Ohio, April 9, 1895, aged 51 years 6 months and 13 days. She leaves an aged mother, three brothers, two sisters, a husband, one daughter, and one grand child to mourn their loss. Funeral by Wm. Summers of North Manchester, Ind., at Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

"IMAGINE John the Baptist in the wilderness of Judea, trying to rouse the Jewish nation by preaching to them about book-marks and altar-cloths and geraniums and roses. Imagine Peter, in that Pentecostal sermon, attended by an alto and soprano and tenor—and the best pieces from the repertorie of the Italian opera! Paul tells us of justification by faith, of Christ crucified, of a world lying in wickedness. What would we think of the great apostle to the gentiles if he had written about book-marks and floral decorations, and the color of vestments and table-covers, and tenors and contraltos and barytones?"—*Central Presbyterian.*

It is a poor compliment to human nature that a man had to be drafted to help Christ with his cross up Calvary.

A MUCH-NEEDED REBUKE.

[From the Lutheran World.]

At St. James' Church, Gettysburg, the other night, the pastor, Rev. A. R. Steck, administered a rebuke to a certain class in his audience which might well be repeated in some other congregations. After an impressive sermon, and just as the doxology had been sung, and devout heads were bowed to receive the divine blessing, there was a long silence, which was at last interrupted by the pastor remarking: "It is an unseemly thing for men to be putting on their overcoats as the benediction is being pronounced." There was another interim of profound silence, when he added: "Hereafter there will be no benediction pronounced in this church while people are engaged in putting on their overcoats."

We commend Brother Steck's procedure to all pastors who have among their auditors persons that know not how to behave in the house of God. They may have to go a step further. Some people reach for their overcoats and rubbers and hats during the doxology. Let notice be served that culmination of worship in a final hymn of praise to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, followed by the solemn impartation of the blessing from the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, will be deferred until those of the baser sort have finished their toilet and got themselves ready to leave the house of God the first moment possible. It might be well to have this element withdrawn altogether before these heights of worship are reached.

If persons are so vulgar and indecorous that they can not learn reverence for almighty God, nor respect for those around them who are engaged in his solemn worship, they may possibly be taught the A. B. C. of the manners if the minister is compelled to adapt the service to their rudeness and their ignorance.

LOVE AND LIKENESS.

Contemplate the love of Christ and you will love. Stand before that mirror, reflect Christ's character, and you will be changed into the same image from tenderness to tenderness. There is no other way. You can not love to order. You can only look at the lovely object and fall in love with it and grow in likeness to it. And so look at this perfect character, this perfect life. Look at the great sacrifice as he laid down himself, all through life and upon the cross of Calvary, and you must love him. And loving him you must become like him.—*Drummond.*

You may gauge the character of men by noticing the things which make them happy.